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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING: DATA FOR PREPARATION OF FEBRUARY REPORT
TO CONGRESS

REF: USNATO 135 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPLY FROM ASYG PANSA IN RESPONSE
TO ITS LETTER OF JANUARY 10 REQUESTING THAT NATO ECONOMIC DIRECTO-
RATE PROVIDE REPORT OF MOST RECENT REVISED ESTIMATES OF EUROPEAN
MILITARY PROCUREMENT IN THE US DURING FY74.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF 10TH JANUARY,
I CAN INFORM YOU THAT THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE WILL
PREPARE BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH THE REPORT OF
PROCUREMENT STIMATES, WITH A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY
BREAKDOWN, RELATING TO PURCHASES MADE BY EUROPEAN
MEMBER COUNTRIES FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING THE
US FISCAL YEAR 1974.

SINCE THE LAST REPORT MADE IN OCTOBER 1974
(C-M(74)62(REVISED)), SOME COUNTRIES HAVE CONFIRMED
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OR SUBMITTED NEW FINAL FIGURES IMPLYING, HOWEVER ONLY
MINOR CHANGES TO THE TOTAL. QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE
UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES DURING THE MISSION OF THE
ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE'S REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON

LAST OCTOBER HAVE IN MOST CASES BEEN RESOLVED. HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE ESTIMATE CONCERNING EXPENDITURES REPORTED BY GREECE THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN CLEARED AND WHICH COULD REDUCE THE TOTAL OF EUROPEAN PROCUREMENT EXPENDITURES IN THE UNITED STATES BY APPROXIMATELY \$70 MILLION. THIS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN MADE DURING THE US FISCAL YEAR 1974. CONSEQUENTLY, IF THIS MATTER CANNOT BE CLARIFIED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, THE NEW REPORT WILL CONTAIN AN APPROPRIATE COMMENT.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST TO YOU THAT AS IN MY PREVIOUS REPORT OF 26TH JULY 1974, ADDRESSED TO YOUR PREDECESSOR, MR. RUMSFELD, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S DECISION OF 10TH JULY, 1974, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PURCHASES CAN BE UNCLASSIFIED, BUT THE COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BREAKDOWN MUST REMAIN CLASSIFIED AND CONSEQUENTLY ONLY ANNEXED TO THE MAIN REPORT. END TEXT.

3. IN ADDITION, NORWEGIAN DELEGATION HAS REPLIED TO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE'S REQUEST FOR A MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF NORWEGIAN MILITARY PURCHASES IN THE US, STATING THAT COMPLETE PROCUREMENT DATA SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO US AUTHORITIES THROUGH MAAG OF EMBASSY OSLO. ACCORDING TO NORWEGIAN MOD, MAAG OSLO ABLE TO CLARIFY ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN OFFICIAL NORWEGIAN FIGURES AND TRANSACTIONS WHICH US AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRACE THROUGH BOP ACCOUNTS. BRUCE

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